

Review

1. A love for God
2. The principle of reciprocity
3. Light and strength
4. Extolling the Lord for His blessings

Ending on a high note of thanksgiving

"The LORD lives!
Blessed be my Rock!
Let the God of my salvation be exalted." Ps 18:46

1. Appreciating God

- a) David declared that the LORD is wonderfully alive...He lives
- b) God as his Rock Ps 18:1, 31, 46
- c) God of his salvation

2. Different ways in which David sought to honour the Lord

- a) Blessed
- b) Exalted
- c) Give thanks
"Therefore I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the Gentiles," Ps 18:49
- d) Sing praises
"And sing praises to Your name." Ps 18:49

Reasons for giving thanks

1. God avenges David Ps 18:47
2. He subdues the peoples under him Ps 18:47
3. God delivers David
 - a) From the enemies Ps 18:48

b) From those who are violent Ps 18:48

4. He lifts David up Ps 18:48

The promise of great deliverance and mercy

"Great deliverance He gives to His king,
And shows mercy to His anointed,
To David and his descendants forevermore." Ps 18:50

1. David was referring to a special promise that God gave to him and his descendants

2. Cf. 2 Sam 7:15-16

“But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.”

Lessons to be learned

1. To know and appreciate all that God is

- a) Living God
- b) Rock
- c) God of my salvation

2. Many reasons to give thanks

- a) Deliverance
- b) To be lifted up

3. To be assured of God's promises of His mercy

- a) As seen to David and his descendants
- b) To all of us also Ps 18:25

4. To end on a high note of thanksgiving to the Lord

- a) Bless
- b) Exalt
- c) Give thanks
- d) Sing praise